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KC-NORTH WOMAN SENTENCED FOR EMBEZZLING \$325,000 FROM HER EMPLOYER

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., woman was sentenced in federal court today for embezzling more than \$325,000 from her employer.

Kimberly A. Perkins, 37, of Kansas City-North, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to two years in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Perkins** to pay \$325,229 in restitution to her former employer, Superior Linen and Supply Company of Kansas City, Mo.

On Nov. 30, 2004, **Perkins** pleaded guilty to charges contained in a Nov. 30, 2004, federal information.

During the time of the fraud scheme from Oct. 5, 2001, to May 19, 2004, **Perkins** was employed as an accounting clerk at Superior Linen, Graves said, where her duties included accounting and bookkeeping functions for accounts payable and payroll, and reconciliation of bank statements.

Perkins admitted that she wrote checks to pay her personal accounts at four credit card companies and made checks payable to herself, all drawn without authorization on the accounts of Superior Linen at UMB First State Bank of Morrisonville, Ill., and Capital City Bank of Topeka, Kan. **Perkins** initially slipped the fraudulent checks in with legitimate checks to be signed by officers of the company, Graves explained, and later forged the signatures of the officers on the checks. She concealed the thefts by making false entries in Superior Linen's accounting records, recording the checks as being paid to a legitimate vendor.

As a result of the scheme, Graves said, **Perkins** wrote 229 fraudulent checks in the approximate total amount of \$325,229.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Linda Parker Marshall. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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